

11. Struck by Forklift

A 44-year-old employee was killed when he became pinned between his powered industrial truck and a stack of recycled steel. The company receives scrap metal and recycles it into steel round stock and round-cornered square stock per customers' specifications. The victim transported a load consisting of four bundles of steel stock weighting about 15,570 pounds using the forklift. He was to place these bundles on top of an existing stack in the storage yard. When he arrived at the location of the existing stack, he parked at approximately a 45-degree angle to the stack and left the load on the forklift elevated about five feet above ground level. He exited the cab of the forklift to place dunnage on top of the existing stack and did not set the parking brake. While he was between the stack and the forklift, the vehicle rolled forward and pinned the victim between the stack of steel and the forklift.

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Item 1 1910.178(m)(5)(iii)	A powered industrial truck, with the operator dismounted and within 25 feet of the truck and still in view, did not have the loading engaging means fully lowered and the brakes were not set.
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